

Auction to benefit Paint Creek Center

Womencenter hosts special event

The seventh annual fund-raising auction for Paint Creek Center for the Arts will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at River Crest, 800 W. Avon Road at Livernois, Rochester.

Tickets, \$15, are available by calling 651-4110 or at the Art Center, 407 Pine, at Fourth in downtown Rochester, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday.

A rotating team of auctioneers, coordinated by Tom Schaden, will be doing the selling. Working with Schaden as auctioneers will be Roy Fox of WXYT-AM and Mary Wright of Xochipilli Gallery of Birmingham.

Next to the yearly outdoor Art 'N' Apple festival sponsored by the Rochester Arts Commission and the Center for the Arts, the auction is the largest source of financial support for the center. Close to 100 volunteers are working on soliciting items and writing the catalog, many will also be working as runners, recorders, spotters and checkout people during the actual event.

"First Lady of Detroit," a dance/drama depicting the story of Marie-Therese Guyon Cadillac, will premiere at Oakland Community College Womencenter's annual International Women's Day Dinner Theater at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18.

The dinner theater will be held in Room 305, Building J on the Orchard Ridge campus, Orchard Lake at 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

The program, a celebration of Women's History Month, will begin with an international meal prepared and donated by Womencenter volunteer culinary experts.

Tickets for dinner and theater are \$15, and \$13 for students and seniors. For dessert and theater only, beginning at 8 p.m., tickets are \$8 general admission and \$7 students and seniors. For information, call the Womencenter, 471-7602.

THE DANCE/DRAMA is presented by the Mme. Cadillac Company of Detroit, founded in 1982 under a Michigan Council for the Arts grant, with Harriet Berg, artistic director. It traces the life of Cadillac from the Ursuline convent in Quebec where she was educated to the 750-mile trip in an open canoe from Montreal to the trading post, Fort Pontchartrain du Detroit, to join her husband.

Cadillac knew the court dances of Versailles and the native American language and customs. She gave birth to 13 children while building a farm, suffering pirate raids and conducting the fur trade for her explorer-soldier husband.

The dance-drama uses authentic period music, dances and costumes.

Berg reconstructed Cadillac's life through birth and marriage records, letters and Mary Catherine Crowley, Detroit turn-of-the-century novelist.

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Art from an Irish monument older than Stonehenge or the Great Pyramids will be the subject of a program by Martin Cullen at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Parks and Recreation Building, Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield.

Cullen will show color slides of his etchings taken from carvings on the 5,000-year-old tomb at Newgrange, Ireland, and discuss the mysterious civilization that built and decorated it and other structures in the Boyne Valley.

The tomb is a 62-foot long passage ending in a large chamber that was probably used for religious ritual. The stone walls and ceilings of the passage and the chamber are carved in beautiful patterns of circles, spirals and triangles. Cullen will explain the technique for making his tracings of this without damaging the fragile stones.

Cullen has a civil engineering degree from Ireland's National College of Technology. He attended the National College of Art and Design, the Royal Hibernian Academy of Arts and the Grafton Graphic Arts and Etching Studio in Dublin.

The talk is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. Admission is \$5.



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